

I've noticed that there's a proposal to make a list of all wireless and wired carriers for purposes of 911 tracking. While it may be nice to have 911 on a cell phone, it is not at all desirable on an Internet phone. Many customers will be appalled at this extra expense that seems mostly to only help the companies selling location technology such as GPS. This seems like a huge waste of our taxes or user fees.

The worst part is that this is a massive program that seems almost like harassment to people's privacy. No one wants their phone's every movement tracked. There must be some rule to protect people from unknowingly being 'followed' or 'stalked' online this way. Imagine the first case where the police determine the stalker used their victim's own phone! That would not be a pretty headline to be famous for. There's also the case of a lawyer suing because of a client's harassment by the police or corrupt official using the system to track the client. What about blackmail? If someone enters a seedy business with one of these phones, then in theory they'd be able to be blackmailed on their public image.

It's these kinds of concerns that must be met in order to serve the public. I hope that some good comes out of these comments the public have made. Thanks for reading, Joe Whitehead